



BRIG. GEN. REYNOLDS TAKES COMMAND AT P.I.



On Friday, June 17, Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds took command of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C., becoming the first woman commanding general in the 96-year history of the depot. Reynolds was most recently in charge of the Headquarters Group for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, Calif. According to the website for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, while serving a yearlong tour of duty with the group at Camp Leatherneck

Afghanistan, Reynolds became the "first female Marine to command battle space." In her new role, Brig. Gen. Reynolds will manage the Marine Corps Eastern Recruiting Region, which includes all the states east of the Mississippi River. "I look forward to learning from you, working alongside you and continuing this mission," Reynolds said. "There is no finer mission than the one we have in this Corps. I just got back from being with the operating forces ... and it is humbling every day to see what those kids are willing to do to be good Marines. That starts here." The Depot's outgoing commander was Brig. Gen. Frederick

Padilla, who is slated to serve as the commanding general of the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan.

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MARINES HAVE LANDED IN ST. LOUIS



Francis G. Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, officially commenced Marine Week during a proclamation ceremony at the War Memorial, June 20. Marines belonging to the local reserve unit, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment; many of whom are from St. Louis, will show the people of the city what their Marine Corps is made of during more than two dozen events. As part of the week's events, attendees can enjoy performances and demonstrations by the Silent Drill Platoon, Marine Corps martial arts

instructors, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Band, All-Marine sports teams and military working dog teams. The focal point of these displays is the Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration on Friday and Saturday, where Marines will highlight their singularly unique ability to fight battles in the air, on land and sea. Free and open to the public, all Marine Week events will honor and recognize Marines, especially those from and stationed in Missouri, for their service and sacrifice. Currently, more than 2,300 active duty and reserve Marines from Missouri are serving across the globe. The Marine Week schedule along with event locations is listed on the Marine Week homepage, www.Marines.mil/MarineWeek.

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MARINE'S COURAGE REMEMBERED



A crowd of more than 700 supporters filled the London High School gymnasium in honor of



Lance Cpl. Josh McDaniels. On June 12, McDaniels died in Helmand Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. An article by the *Columbus Dispatch* describes McDaniels as the type of man who sought to excel at whatever he did, from wrestling to being an amazing husband to his new bride. Janice and Brent McDaniels together with

his widow gathered at the midfield Bowlus Stadium, his football helmet on display, along with friends and with a unified shout of "hoo-rah!" honored McDaniels by releasing hundreds of Marine-colored helium balloons into a gray sky. "Josh Josh McDaniels was a good man and a good Marine," the article stated.

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DOCUMENTARY CAPTURES LIFE OF WOUNDED MARINES



A new documentary, "The Day Remembered," depicts the struggles and triumphs of wounded Marines in an attempt to raise money for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. During their seven-month tour, which ended in April, the battalion suffered the heaviest casualties of any battalion during the Afghan war. The hour-long documentary follows the lives of triple amputee Cpl. Justin McCloud and Lance Cpl. Thomas Parker, a 21-year-old Marine who lost both

legs and most of one hand after a bomb blast. The Marines and their families share their stories, along with several others, in the documentary that was co-produced by the father of another Marine in the battalion to raise awareness and financial support for the wounded warriors.

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GENERAL AMOS BRIEFED BY MARINES OF 31ST MEU

On June 14, Gen. James F. Amos visited the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit at Okinawa, Japan. During his visit, Gen. Amos was briefed on the role the squadron played in relief efforts following the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan. During the relief efforts, the squadron arrived quickly, providing supplies and hours of support to those in need. The squadron's arrival within eight hours

of the earthquake and tsunami's hit exemplified that the Marines are the expeditionary force-in-readiness. The 31st MEU's performance earned praise from the commandant, who also passed along praise from the President of the United States. Each of the squadron's aircraft bears the Japanese symbol of a dragon, making them recognizable by locals. "By the end of the operation we had Japanese locals coming up to us and asking are you 265?" said Sgt. Maj. Russell A. Strack, the squadron sergeant major. The 31st MEU is the only continually forward-deployed MEU, and remains the nation's force-in-readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.



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COMMANDANT'S WIFE TALKS FAMILY SUPPORT

Last week, Bonnie Amos, the wife of Gen. James Amos, 35th commandant of the Marine Corps, spoke to family readiness officers for



the III Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Okinawa, Japan. During the breakfast meeting, held at the Butler Officers' Club on Camp Foster, Amos discussed ways to optimize the Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program with III Marine Expeditionary Force spouses and the family readiness officers. In her opening speech, Amos told



Marines and families that her goal was to listen to them. "I want to hear what keeps you coming to work and what keeps you up at night, what gives you heartburn. I want to find a way ahead," Amos said. Throughout the meeting Amos talked about the family care plan, as well as the new EMarines website, a site designed for Marines and families to learn more about housing requirements and other permanent change of station challenges, which will launch later this summer. Pulling from her own experiences, Amos talked with guests about supporting their Marines and families, even when far away from home.

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TOP 10 REASONS WHY U.S. MARINES ON OKINAWA ARE ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN PACIFIC



As the debate over the planned U.S. military realignment in Japan continues, the Heritage Foundation recently published an article, June 14, outlining the top ten reasons why the U.S. Marines are central to peace and security in the Pacific. As outlined in the report, "The United States Marines stationed on Okinawa operate as one element of an integrated, comprehensive U.S. security strategy that uses individual service capabilities based on a specific contingency or operation.

Removing Marine Corps assets from Okinawa would leave the United States with a two-legged security stool in a region where steadiness and support are essential."

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U.S. MARINES, SAILORS SHARE BEST PRACTICES WITH MALAYSIAN RANGERS

On June 10, the final phase of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2011 was conducted by Marines and Sailors with Landing Force Company at the Eram Sisik training area in Kemaman Terengganu, Malaysia. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises between U.S. and Southeast Asian militaries. The Marines first received jungle warfare classes on topics that included guerilla operations, establishing patrol bases and conducting



patrols. After the classes were complete, two platoons from the company set out to establish their patrol bases and begin the intensive training that followed. "Malaysia has one of the best jungle warfare schools in the world," said Col. Stephen Neary, the 4th Marine Regiment commanding officer. "The instruction for this training comes from there. This training is important because we are an expeditionary force, and just like the Marine's hymn says; we fight in every clime and place." After the final training was complete, Marines and the Malaysian Army Rangers held a closing ceremony in which the leadership exchanged gifts and thanked each other for the quality training they just completed. Landing Force Company is primarily composed of reserve Marines from 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, and 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, with individual augments from III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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LANDING FORCE COMPANY FINISHES TRAINING EXERCISE WITH INDONESIAN MARINES

As part of ongoing training through the Cooperation Afloat Readiness



and Training program, Marines of Landing Force Company recently finished their exercises while training alongside Indonesian Marines. The American Marines, which are part of the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, and 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, both from 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, conducted the training in May and early June to remain competent in their combat



marksmanship, urban terrain, martial arts, jungle warfare and combat lifesaving skills. In addition to the tactical skills that Marines learned, they also formed personal relationships with each other and learned many cultural lessons. The training was held in at the Antra Lina training area in Indonesia, as part of an annual program in which American and Southeast Asian nations partner together to enhance regional cooperation.

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CORPS TESTS BIOFUELS IN VEHICLES, GENERATORS



Using biofuel, a mix of diesel fuel and feedstock like cottonseed oil, would stimulate the local economy in Afghanistan and save lives by reducing the need for resupply convoys. Over the past 18 months, the Marine Corps tested biofuel blends during two experiments with the Light Armored Vehicles and generators to determine if the biofuel would power generators and cause any long-term damage to the vehicles. While more testing is needed, the initial experiments have

shown positive results. According to Robert Lusardi, MARCORSYSCOM's deputy program manager for LAV, "The deployed Marines, in a brief test, were able to demonstrate that expeditionary use of biofuel was "doable." The Corps is pushing toward the Secretary of the Navy's 2025 energy initiative end date. By that year, the plan is to have the Navy Department

operating with half of its fuel supply derived from alternative means.

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V-22 HAS 'LAID TO REST DOUBTS,' PANEL SAYS



According to the *Providence Business News*, four years after it was first deployed to war zones, the V-22 tilt-rotor Osprey has laid to rest all doubts about its combat effectiveness. The V-22 has been flown in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in March, the aircraft was used in the rescue of a downed Air Force pilot in Libya. The House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee urged the Navy to request authority in fiscal 2013 to proceed with another multi-year contract with Textron Inc. and Boeing Co. to complete the entire 458-aircraft program. The Navy will

have 288 aircraft on the contract by the end of the year.

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RETIRED GENERAL ADVISES MEF ADVISERS



Retired Gen. Antony Zinni arrived to Camp Pendleton, Calif., on June 14 to address Afghanistan adviser and embedded training teams. He shared his experiences with I Marine Expeditionary Force and talked about his time as an adviser to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He noted that the approach to advising was very different years ago – they had to wear their uniform and totally



immerse themselves into their culture. "We had to understand who

we were fighting with," Zinni said. "[Advisers] had to understand the limitations of Vietnamese Marines." He told the advisors and embedded training team members that their hard work will help improve the relationship between the coalition forces and Afghanistan national security forces. "As advisers, the teams are going to see an entirely different side of this conflict," Zinni said. "If you take the opportunity to see the conflict from [Afghan's] eyes you'll come away with a much greater appreciation."

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